

Speaker bios

Sarah Lipton-Lubet, National Partnership for Women & Families

Sarah Lipton-Lubet is the Director of Reproductive Health Programs at the National Partnership for Women & Families, where she oversees the organization's reproductive health policy and advocacy work. Before coming to the National Partnership, Lipton-Lubet worked on reproductive rights issues at the American Civil Liberties Union, the Center for Reproductive Rights and the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. She is the author of numerous op-eds, blogs, reports, and law review articles on women's rights, and her policy observations and analyses have been heard on *NPR* and quoted in a number of media outlets including the *New York Times*, *Washington Post* and *Wall Street Journal*.

Lipton-Lubet graduated *summa cum laude* from Northwestern University with a B.A. in American studies. She earned her J.D. from Yale Law School, where she was symposium and online editor for the *Yale Law Journal*, and submissions editor of the *Yale Journal of Law and Feminism*. After law school, Lipton-Lubet clerked for the Honorable Richard Paez of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the Honorable Nancy Gertner of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

Lisa Brown, National Abortion Federation

Lisa joined the National Abortion Federation (NAF) over ten years ago as State Policy Director, and was recently appointed General Counsel & Senior Policy Director. Lisa directs NAF's policy, legal, and security programs, and works with NAF members and patients to facilitate their participation in the policy making process. She previously worked in public policy for a Massachusetts State Representative, for a judge at D.C. Superior Court, and in the Office of Western Europe at the U.S. Department of State. Lisa received her BA from Emory University and her JD from the Washington College of Law at American University, where she co-founded a chapter of Law Students for Reproductive Justice.

Aram Schvey, Center for Reproductive Rights

Aram Schvey serves as Senior Policy Counsel and Manager of Special Projects at the Center for Reproductive Rights, a global human-rights advocacy organization dedicated to using litigation and advocacy to advance reproductive freedom in the United States and around the world. Schvey is responsible for advancing the Center's priorities on Capitol Hill, at the White House, and with Executive Branch agencies. His work focuses both on U.S. foreign policy, including combating family-planning-related foreign-policy restrictions, as well as domestic policy, including the role of church-state relations in the context of reproductive rights and health. Previously, he taught clinical courses at Georgetown's and Fordham's law schools, served as a litigator at Americans United for Separation of Church and State, and represented foreign governments as a lawyer in private practice. He holds a J.D. and LL.M. from Georgetown, an M.A. from Johns Hopkins, and an A.B. from Harvard.

Heidi Williamson, Center for American Progress

Heidi Williamson is the Senior Policy Analyst for the Women's Health and Rights Program at American Progress. Prior to joining American Progress, Heidi worked for the Alzheimer's Association, SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Health Collective, and the Service Employees International Union, or SEIU. She has successfully led legislative and advocacy efforts in the South and helped elect more than 20 women legislators to office at the state and local level. She is a founding member of the Trust Black Women Partnership, a strong network of African American women organizations and individuals, who mobilize to defend the human right to have a child, not have a child, and parent for African American women in the United States. She has been published in The Huffington Post and RHReality Check; seen on MSNBC; heard on NPR and various CBS radio outlets; quoted by the Associated Press, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, and The Guardian; and featured in Collective Voices and the documentary "We Always Resist." Her publications include "Race, Gender, and Abortion in Georgia: A Policy Report" and "Reproductive Justice in the South: A Case for Education, Prevention, and Policy." She sits on the board of SPARK Reproductive Justice Now!, a reproductive justice organization based in Atlanta, Georgia, and regularly advises nonprofits on civic engagement activities and legislative strategy. Heidi is a graduate of Georgia State University where she double majored in English and African American studies.

Jeryl Hayes, Advocates for Youth

Jeryl Hayes, JD, LL.M. is the Domestic Policy Analyst at Advocates for Youth, a national organization that advocates for young people's sexual and reproductive health rights domestically and abroad. Jeryl is a lawyer and strong progressive reproductive health and justice advocate. Jeryl previously served as the Reproductive Justice Law and Policy Fellow at the Black Women's Health Imperative, where she advocated for the health and wellness needs of Black women, girls and families.

Jeryl received her Bachelor's degree from Denison University, her law degree from Washington University School of Law and her Masters of Law from American University Washington College of Law. During law school, Jeryl worked as a Student Attorney and Guardian ad Litem through the Civil Justice Clinic where she witnessed first-hand how the intersection of class, race and gender impact the reproductive rights of young people. At WCL, Jeryl specialized in Gender and the Law and worked as a Dean's Fellow with the Women and the Law program.

Kimberly Inez McGuire, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health

Kimberly Inez McGuire serves as the Director of Public Affairs at the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health in the Washington, D.C. office, where she directs the communications activities of NLIRH and advocates for salud, dignidad, y justicia (health, dignity, and justice) for the nation's more than 26 million Latinas, their families and communities. Kimberly is a reproductive justice leader and queer Latina with nearly a decade of experience in government relations, movement building, and strategic communications. Kimberly develops and implements

intersectional policy change and culture shift campaigns focused on restoring insurance coverage for abortion, reproductive health equity, and promoting health and human rights for immigrant women.

Previously, she held a position as Senior Associate for Programs and Policy at the Reproductive Health Technologies Project, where she coordinated groundbreaking research on Latino attitudes on abortion and served on the Oral Contraceptives Over-the-Counter Working Group. A frequent writer, presenter, and spokesperson on reproductive health and justice, Kimberly has been featured and quoted in national media, including The Washington Post, NBC Latino, Fox News Latino, Color Lines, Dissent, and ThinkProgress. Kimberly earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Hampshire College and serves on the Board of Directors for Women's Voices for the Earth.



Linda Goler Blount, MPH
Black Women's Health Imperative, President and CEO

Linda Goler Blount joined the Black Women's Health Imperative as the president and Chief Executive Officer in February 2014. As president and CEO, Linda oversees the strategic direction for the Imperative and is responsible for moving the organization forward in its mission to achieve health equity, reproductive and social justice for Black women across the lifespan.

Before joining the Imperative, Linda served as the vice president of Programmatic Impact for the United Way of Greater Atlanta, where she lead a team focused on achieving transformation in health, income, education and housing stability through place- and population-based work.

Prior to that position, Linda was the first-ever national vice president of Health Disparities at the American Cancer Society. There, she was responsible for providing strategic vision and leadership to the Society and its 12 geographic divisions for nationwide health equity policy and social determinants initiatives.

With more than 25 years of experience in the public, for-profit and nonprofit sectors, Linda has a distinguished career that includes successful tenures at The Coca-Cola Company leading strategic business initiatives and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as an expert scientist. She also has extensive international health expertise and has served as a consultant to government ministries in Germany, Barbados, Malawi and Trinidad and Tobago.

Linda is a sought-after speaker and is a member of several organizations, including the Society for Public Health Education, Leadership Atlanta and National Association of Health Services Executives. She currently serves on the boards of the Georgia School-based Health Alliance; University of Michigan School of Public Health, Summer Enrichment Program; 10SKY and Morehouse School of Medicine, Public Health Program Advisory Committee.

A Michigan native, Linda holds a Master of Public Health, Epidemiology from the University of Michigan and Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering/Operations Research from Eastern Michigan University.